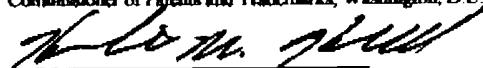


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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM CONDUITS
AND FLUID COLUMNS**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2003**Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application for patent is respectfully requested. In response to the Office Action dated September 09, 2003, Applicant requests amendment of the application as set forth below.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-12, 23-24 and 31-36 and amend claim 14.

14. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

replacing the electrodes; and

disposing of the [solidified] separated contaminants.

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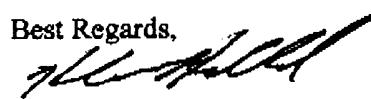
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